**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND DR. MARCEO KEITH MCDANIEL, SR., PASTOR OF MACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, AND TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR HIS DECADE‑LONG MINISTRY TO HIS CONGREGATION AND THE SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church congregation first met Keith McDaniel when he was a student at Duke University, and six years later, he accepted the call to shepherd God’s flock; and

Whereas, the son of Reverend Silas and Branelsia Kay Hart and a native of Winston Salem, North Carolina, Dr. McDaniel is an honor graduate of Shaw University with a major in religion and philosophy. He earned a Master of Divinity at Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina, and a Doctorate of Ministry at the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio; and

Whereas, in 2007, Pastor McDaniel was invited to Harvard University to participate in a program focused on economic development and community revitalization; and

Whereas, in 2010,Dr. McDaniel became the fifteenth pastor of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, and his dynamic ministry has brought a rebirth, resurgence, renewal, and revival; and

Whereas, during his ten years with the congregation, over eight hundred new members have joined, and new worship opportunities have been added, including early Sunday morning worship; and

Whereas, some new ministries such as Women of Purpose and Men of Vision were begun. Hope Ministry for evangelism and the prison ministry have been reenergized, and the Nehemiah Project was initiated in order to strengthen the people and the community; and

Whereas, shortly after the church became affiliated with Global United Fellowship in 2016, a Christian organization seeking to unite the body of Christ, Pastor McDaniel was appointed its director of global evangelism, and in 2019, he became the provincial leader of the Coastal Atlantic Province of Global United Fellowship; and

Whereas, dedicated to his denomination, he serves as the director for the Social Justice Department of the Spartanburg County Baptist Association, and he is a founding member of the Spartanburg Clergy Association and a member of the Interfaith Alliance; and

Whereas, he serves as an adjunct professor of African American Culture Studies and Black Religious Thought at the University of South Carolina Upstate, and he is the author of two books, *Live Your Kingdom Life Now: A Theological Guide To Living by Choice Not by Chance,* and *If God Be for Us: Pastoral Reflections of Faith and Family Concerning the Black Church*; and

Whereas, deeply loyal to his community, he serves as chairman of the board of directors for the Spartanburg Village Network for which he is a founding member. He has served as chairman of the board for ReGenesis Community Development Corporation, the SURGE Cohort with the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce, on the boards of United Way and the Urban League, and as a member of the Racial Equity Landscape Advisory Council; and

Whereas, his outstanding work in the community was honored in 2014 with the Citizen of the Year Award from the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and he was recognized as Clergyman of the Year at the Black Excellence Gala; and

Whereas, he and his beloved wife, Latron McDaniel, have four fine children: Marceo Keith, Jr.; Madison; Savion; and Kensley; and

Whereas, his ministry continues to take strength from the scriptural assurance, “I am persuaded that, neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Reverend Dr. Marceo Keith McDaniel, Sr., pastor of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, and express gratitude for his decade‑long ministry to his congregation and the Spartanburg community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Dr. Marceo Keith McDaniel, Sr.

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